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Right as rain

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Lisa Barry of Homestead Pottery in Algonquin Highlands was one of the few vendors who stuck around for LoveFest in Dorset on Aug. 12. Torrential downpour and a transformer that caught fire due to lightning were a few of the challenges the vendors faced during the day, leading to many packing it in early. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff



In memory of Patrick Monaghan, ambassador of the blues

by VIVIAN COLLINGS

Times Staff

If you knew him, there's one thing we can all agree on: we were lucky to exist at the same time as Patrick Monaghan.

The Canoe FM Buckslide Blues Cruise host and Algonquin Highlands resident's grin and signature thumbs up, with a firecracker personality to go with them, are being mourned by the local community as well as the blues lovers across the country.

"He just connected with everybody he came in touch with. He's one of those guys that as soon as you get talking to him, you consider him a friend, and he would do anything for anybody," said friend of Monaghan's and fellow member of the Buckslide Blues Society, Rusty Rustenberg.

Monaghan passed away on Tuesday, July 25 after a long battle with cancer. Exactly a week before, he was in the studio at Canoe FM, broadcasting his profound love of the blues for the last time, his 371st show.

"When he was diagnosed with cancer four years ago, he told us time and time again this radio station kept him going. It gave him a purpose and drive. Some days you could tell he was so tired, and he still did it all. We've

lost such an amazing person," said Canoe FM station manager Roxanne Casey.

Production technician Ron Murphy worked closely with Monaghan during his numerous interviews with musicians and blues festival organizers and said it was remarkable to watch the host exude so much energy and passion despite being ill.

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Community to carry on Monaghan's legacy

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"He did it old school. He had so much music at home, so what he would do is to put his show together he would put all of his music on one or two CDs. He worked off a CD player - I tried to get him into using a USB instead of a CD player I don't know how many times," Murphy laughed.

But that was Monaghan, determined and dedicated.

He devoted full days to put together his two-hour Canoe FM program each week, writing a script for the entire show, with notes on each specific song.

"He was a fabulous host - host isn't even the right word - just an advocate for blues all across Canada. You mention Patrick Monaghan to some of these blues musicians and all of them knew exactly who you were talking about," Casey said.

Monaghan was a multi-award winner, with three Best Blues Show of the Year awards from the National Campus and Community Radio Association and a Toronto Maple Blues Society award for Best Blues Booster of the Year in 2022 on his shelf.

Monaghan would frequently travel to Memphis, Tennessee, where his name is now permanently on the sidewalk of Beale Street, the "blues street of the world," for his Maple Blues award.

"It's hard to even explain how well-known he was," Murphy said.

Rustenberg remarked on Monaghan's humble nature.

"Three weeks before he passed, he got a call from an international podcast. They wanted him to join their program so his Buckslide Blues show would be played worldwide. He was shocked to be invited to part of that team. It's like being invited to the NHL for DJs. Unfortunately his health had declined, but the honour of being asked really touched him."

Murphy hosted a tribute Buckslide Blues Cruise show in Monaghan's honour on Tuesday, Aug. 1, one week after he passed. Monaghan had prepared all the songs ahead of time.

"Ron was having some technical difficulties, and he said over the years he would get calls from Pat having problems in the studio. Pat always said, 'There's gremlins in there, Ron.' So when Ron did the show, sure enough he had problems, so I sent him a message and said, 'Pat's giving you a grin and a thumbs up for the great show, and he's also saying, 'I told you those gremlins were real,'" Rustenberg laughed.

He said even if Monaghan was very unwell and tired, when the light came on in the Canoe FM booth, it's like a switch flipped inside him.

"It was sure something to witness. Canoe FM was like home and family to him," Rustenberg said.

Buckslide Blues Society

After hosting their very first concert in 2018, "Pat said 'Let's form a blues society' because there was a void here in the Highlands, so we put our heads together and came up with Buckslide Blues Society, and it was Patrick's dream to



Canoe FM announcer Patrick Monaghan is pictured doing what he loved most, hosting his Buckslide Blues Cruise show in the studio. /FILE

get that going," Rustenberg said.

After some COVID-19 delays, the Buckslide Blues Society is up and running with two projects under its belt, both near and dear to Monaghan.

"Patrick wanted to promote blues music for youth. Grand River Blues Society has a youth camp where professional blues musicians teach skills at a four-day camp, and once the kids are done the four days, they perform at Kitchener Blues Fest," Rustenberg said.

The Buckslide Blues Society ended up hosting a talent contest at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in 2022.

"We selected three or four students to go. All contestants got received the Patrick Monaghan Award. Any profits we make from things we do this year we hope to be able to use to send more kids next year," Rustenberg said.

The second project important to Monaghan was the Music Revival Project.

The society was able to purchase 11 noise-cancelling headphone sets for use in senior residences.

"We had learned that those with dementia responded well to music therapy. We've had one trial run so far with really positive results," Rustenberg said. The society plans on continuing both projects.

Haliburton Highlands Blues Festival

The first-ever Haliburton Highlands Blues Festival was another dream of Monaghan's that has come to fruition.

The festival held at the Logging Museum in Haliburton Forest was to be MCed by Monaghan, and is now a tribute to the "blues guru."

It begins on Friday, Aug. 25 with the Forest Festival presenting Jenie Thai and Sandra Bouza.

From noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday, The Smoke Wagon Blues Band, Jim Dan Dee, Rosie's Smokehouse Deluxe, The Swingin' Blackjacks, The Erin McCallum Band, Chuckee Zehr & Cheryl Lescom, Erin McCallum & Teddy Leonard, and Sean Cotton & Tamica Herod will perform.

Tickets for Friday are available at www.haliburtonforest. com and tickets for Saturday can be purchased at www.haliburtonfolk.com.

"He enjoyed life and he enjoyed music," Rustenberg said. "He accomplished all of this with a Canoe FM hat or shirt on, and that big grin on his face. I think that's what I'll miss the most."

Kinmount finds success on their Journey for Health

by EMILY STONEHOUSE

Editor

The Kinmount District Health Centre's (KDHC) foundation kicked off their annual Journey for Health on Aug. 13 at the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. The event, which has been raising money for the organization for 25 years, offered a morning of community engagement to celebrate the funds raised.

With the recent closure of the Minden emergency department, the KDHC has noted an influx of patients coming from the Minden region, as well as Bancroft, Lindsay, Bobcaygeon, Coboconk, and Haliburton.

The foundation directly supports the health centre, but from an arm's length. Comprising of 11 individuals, the organization is split into a series of responsibilities, with smaller sub-committees within the foundation responsible for recruitment, building maintenance, equipment, outreach, and hiring.

"We work hard, but we have a lot of fun," said foundation chair Yvette Brauer.

In the 25 years that the foundation has been in existence, it has worked diligently to put Kinmount on the map as a destination for physicians to call home.

For the past few months, there have been two full-time



Members of the Kinmount District Lions Club joined the Journey for Health on Aug. 13 with a hot breakfast for all attendees. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

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\$9,000 raised for Kinmount District Health Centre

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physicians tending to the needs of the community; Dr. Elena Mihu, who has been with KDHC since 1999, and Dr. Lesslie Ponraja, who moved to Kinmount from England in March.

At the event on Sunday, Dr. Mihu announced her retirement in September, leaving a hole for a new physician at the

Right now, there is one doctor volunteering at the clinic, Dr. Sierra, who studied medicine at Dalhousie University before returning to Ontario. She is currently spending time at the health centre to get a grasp on the rural community lifestyle. "I think it's important to be up here," she said, as she shared that she was originally commuting to the area to offer equal access to vaccines to rural communities during the pandemic. Through that, she became familiar with the KDHC, and the patients here, with the possibility that she may stay long-term.

The event, which had raised over \$9,000 by the early morning, offered a 7 kilometre hike, which participants could run, walk, or bike to raise money. It also hosted live music, outdoor games, balloon animals, tours of the fire trucks, and a hot, homemade breakfast from the Kinmount Lions Club.

The walk had a staggered start, with folks starting and finishing when they saw fit, and the main draw of the day being the community, and the opportunity to connect, share, and celebrate.

The KDHC is actively recruiting physicians, as well as other healthcare practitioners to round out the overall offerings of the facility.

For more information or to donate to the foundation, visit www.kdhc.ca

> Past and present members of the Kinmount District Health Centre's Foundation gather together to celebrate the Journey for Health. The fundraiser is one of two opportunities for the organization to raise money throughout the year, with all money raised going towards recruitment, equipment, and the overall well-being of the centre.



Firefighters from Station 18 in Kawartha Lakes offered games and the opportunity to explore a fire truck during the event. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff



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Saturday, August 26th from 8AM to 12PM, bring your hazardous waste items to the Minden Community Centre (55 Parkside Street). Paints, aerosols, batteries, cleaners, fluorescent bulbs and more will be accepted. Please visit mindenhills.ca/landfill for a full list of items.

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Come out and visit Turtle Guardians at Nature's Place at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Saturday, August 19 from 1-3 pm. Meet LIVE turtles and turtle experts. Learn about what threatens them and how to help our shelled friends! For more information call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca

Join us under the stars for our final outdoor movie night at the Cultural Centre on Thursday, August 24! We will be presenting Strange World (2022). Don't forget your lawn chair, blanket and snacks! Admission is by donation. No pre-registration is required. This film is rated PG. For more information, please call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca

The Minden Hills Museum & Heritage Village and Nature's Place is open for the season Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am - 4 pm. This week features hands-on science experiments and crafts taking place every day at 11 am and 2 pm including calligraphy club, ice cream making and adventure maps! Admission is by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763, email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or go to https://www.mindenhills.ca/en/News/media-release-23-61-minden-hillscultural-centre-august-programs.aspx

Hitting the road for healthcare

by EMILY STONEHOUSE

Editor

All aboard! The bus to stop closures and privatization of healthcare is taking off on Sept. 25 to head to Queen's Park in Toronto for the day. "The camaraderie will be amazing," said Bonnie Roe, one of the organizers of the bus tour, "it will be very uplifting."

Organized by the Ontario Highlands Long Term Care Coalition in collaboration with Aging Together as Community, this unique opportunity to set foot in Queen's Park on the day Premier Doug Ford and MPP's return to work for the fall is designed to rally awareness about privatizing Ontario healthcare. "It's continuing the conversation from the successful referendum in May," said Roe, referencing the 40,000 votes that opposed the privatization of public hospitals. "The goal of this government is to close and privatize local hospitals," she said.

Locals have seen this first-hand with the sudden closure of the Minden Emergency Department in June of this year. While the Minden location was one of the first to close, it was certainly not the last. The closure sparked contention far beyond the localized community, inciting interest and promises from the NDP opposition to re-open the ED should they ever gain power.

The impact of the Minden ED closure seems to have sparked interest and investment from the local community, and by joining the thousands of others who will be rallying on Sept. 25, Roe believes this is an opportunity to get these voices heard. "We absolutely need to protect our universal healthcare," she said, "and one of the key components of this universal healthcare is accessibility. This government is creating a crisis in healthcare."

The bus will be leaving the Minden Community Centre on Sept. 25 at 8 a.m., arrive at Queen's Park for the Rally at 11, and then return to Minden in the early evening.

Currently, the seats are half sold, but Roe believes many will join as the summer months dwindle towards fall. She is asking all participants to provide a deposit of \$20 prior to the trip, to confirm attendance, and hoping to have everything in place by Aug. 25. Folks can register by emailing hhltcco-alition@gmail.com or calling Roe directly at 705-457-6479.

Roe noted that if the bus isn't for everyone, those interested are welcome in driving down separately, and all attending are encouraged to bring a folding chair, lunch, and drinks for the day.

She said that it is estimated that approximately 10,000 people will be on Queen's Park that day to rally against the privatization of local healthcare. "It's going to be an amazing day," she said. "There will be so many great conversations. That's what happens when you have people of the same minds joining together."



Rock the Dock gives back

Members of the Bob Lake Association presented the Minden Community Food Centre with a cheque for \$3,790 from their annual "Rock the Dock" fundraiser. Pictured from left, Joe Cacioppo, Dave Roberts, and Erwin Speckert drop off the cheque after the event. /Photo submitted



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Kash Art on the Water

Phil Carroll holds up one of his handmade charcuterie boards at Kash art on the Water on Sunday, Aug. 13. The event was held on the rain date due to severe thunderstorms on Saturday, and 25 artisans appeared at 11 different properties around Kashagawigamog Lake with their creations. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Victoria Campbell's paintings were on display at the Bonnie View Inn at Kash Art on the Water on Sunday.





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Unpopular opinion: I like Minden

EMILY STONEHOUSE

HEN YOU have the opportunity to live in a little slice of paradise, it's easy to see the cracks in the foundation.

I've seen a lot of swirlings around social media lately about some of the challenges that come with Minden. A lot of red tape when it comes to growth. Limited resources. A lack of accessibility.

And I get it. I've watched businesses fold because they've thrown in the towel when it comes to trying to make ends meet here. Thriving in a community that's dependent on

weather patterns and seasonal trends is not for the faint of heart. Mix that in with some old-school protocols our municipality holds near and dear and it's a recipe for disaster.

I've had people tell me they are going to relocate to Haliburton, Muskoka, or just back to the city. I hear those hurting; the

ones with crumbled visions of what this town could be if only it thought outside the box.

It's easy to be one of those people. Between working for the local municipality and now in this role at the newspaper, it's impossible not to see those cracks in the foundation.

But we can't get stuck in there. Because when water freezes, when it stands still, it makes the cracks bigger.

What are some constructive ways we can make a difference, instead of shouting into the void our distaste for the community we call home?

Two out of four mayors in the county ran unopposed in the last election. Now that the Minden ED buzz has died down, I barely receive any letters to the editor about any angst or concerns. Enrollment in service clubs and volunteerism is at

an all-time low, with current members panicking as they age themselves out of the roles.

If we want to make a difference in our community, then we need to be the difference in our community. Run for your local council. Write letters to the newspapers that share your points of view and corral connection. Start volunteering with an organization that adds flowers to the downtown core, helps with housing, or packs food for those in need.

There are ways we can make our community bigger, brighter, and better. We just have to have the

courage to do it.

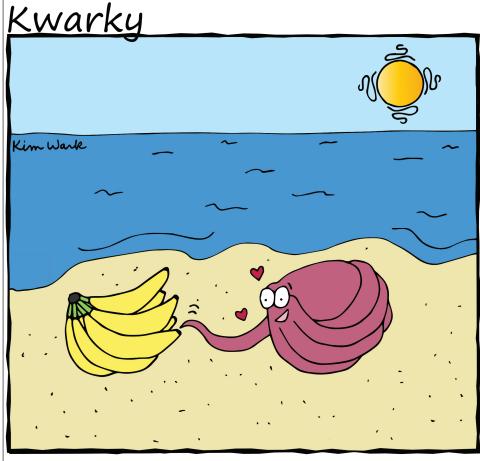
Because I like Minden. I like the way the sun sets over the Gull River, and the way the flowers hang lazily out of the baskets on Bobcaygeon Road. I like how music echoes from the Dominion Hotel on any given night in the summer, or how the

twinkly lights strung across Boshkung reflect in the waters.

I like how you can hear the bell for recess at Archie Stouffer when you're downtown, and the giant aloe plant that's been placed in the post office window for as long as I can remember

Above all, I like that every time I go for a walk, cars slow down to wave to me. I like watching kids learn to ride their bikes along the River Walk. I like feeling like a part of something here; watching people I know and love exist in this little corner of the world. A community in every sense of the world

So while there are many lows, many questions, many concerns, this is our home. A home with some cracks in the foundation, but through it all, I think it's still a little slice of paradise.



"Hey there, chaquita."

Row, row, row your boat

WAS FISHING last week from a tin boat with a friend. We were on a small lake where gas-powered motors were not allowed, so I had to resort to an alternate source of energy – my canoe paddle.

This was not intentional. It only happened because the battery that powered my electric motor lost its charge after 20 minutes – a period of time precisely long enough to get us to the far end of the lake.

A lot of people would tell you that this was because the battery was not charged properly or is maybe even failing. But

that's only because they are knowledgeable and have never once got into a prolonged argument with a marine battery.

Those of us who have know that marine batteries are sadistic, malevolent life forms who like nothing more than to call it quits when the going gets tough. In this case, it quit at the far end of the lake, presumably

so it could be entertained watching me battle the headwind all the way back.

I also think it knew that I left my oars at home and brought canoe paddles in their place. Which is not ideal for a 12-foot tin boat.

Regardless, part of our plan was to make it back to the boat launch before winter set in, so I picked up a paddle and started using it to move us in the right direction — which in hindsight, should have been to a location that disposes of marine batteries.

In situations like this, a typical paddling excursion goes something like: You paddle 275 strokes in the right direction. You smile because you made 3 meters of progress. You pause to catch your breath.

A huge gust of wind takes you back 2.9 meters. Then you repeat this approximately 4 billion times.

It is what my dad used to call character building. And I suppose this is also why some people look at me, shake their heads, and refer to me as "a real character."

Of course, my fishing buddy offered to help. But since I don't have many fishing buddies left, I never took her up on it. Plus, the last thing you want is to be in a small boat with a disgruntled fishing buddy who is armed with a canoe paddle.

When you are paddling back to a land-

ing against a hard wind in a tin boat, many thoughts come to mind. High on that list is "Why don't they ever place boat launches on the downwind side of the lake?" and "Why don't battery manufacturers place warning labels on their products that say, 'Warning: this product will invariably fail at the far end of the lake when you need it most. So don't come crying to us. We warned



STEVE GALEA *Beyond 35*

you.

The good news is that we made it back and even caught a few fish along the way. And, functioning electric motor or not, we had fun.

Now that the experience is over, I realize it helped me appreciate what life was like for the pioneers who fished before boat motors were even invented. It must have been tough, especially if someone insisted on trolling.

That's why I think they would have liked our motors – even the electric kind. They might not have had the same fondness for the batteries though. Those things just leave you drained.

INOTHERWORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Here comes the Brr?

THIS SUMMER'S weather has in no way been traditional, and neither was the spring that led into it. Heat and drought brought record wildfires in parts of the country, tropical-like storms brought flooding in other parts.

Our part of Ontario has escaped the worst of this year's untraditional weather. Bouts of unusual heat gave us forest fire concerns but no seriously dangerous outbreaks. Plenty of heavy rainfall, but generally only minor washout

Some early forecasts for the coming fall and winter talk about a return to traditional Canadian weather. I take that to mean a cool but drier fall, fewer brutal windy, wet storms followed by a cold, snowy winter.



JIM POLING SR. From Shaman's Rock

Simply put, a return to shivering and shovelling after slogging through a couple of mild winters when folks kept umbrellas next to shovels at the back door.

"The Brrr is back," says the Farmers' Almanac in its 2024 winter forecast. Canadians can "get ready to enjoy hot chocolate by the fireside, skiing, ice skating and all things winter!'

Sounds yummy to me!

The Farmers' Almanac claims 80 to 85 per cent accuracy based on its secret weather prediction formula created back in 1792, but a variety of opinions backed by studies dispute that. One University of

Illinois study says the Almanac's accuracy rate is 52 per – simply random

Much of the professional forecasting today seems to be focussed on the Niños, those Pacific Ocean weather makers.

La Niña is a cold event in which cold Pacific waters push the jet stream north, creating colder weather. El Niño is the opposite. The Pacific jet stream moves south of its neutral position, causing warmer drier conditions in Canada,

The Pacific now is experiencing a strengthening El Niño, which is supposed to bring us a warmer, wetter winter as opposed to the colder, snowier one forecast by the Almanac.

However, global warming and climate change are making weather even more difficult to predict. And, storms seem to becoming more frequent and more

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has reported two million people killed by extreme weather in the past 50 years. Plus, economic damage from storms, floods and wildfires has soared by a factor of eight since 1970 to \$4.3 trillion U.S. dollars.

Today's weather disasters are not confined to the places we expect them to occur. Dozens died recently in floods and landslides in India and 400 perished this spring during flooding in the tropical Congo, followed by another 100 in

These days, however, we see people dying in record Canadian wildfires, and more than 100 burned to death on the vacation paradise of Hawaii's Maui

More than 60,000 people died as the result of extreme heat last summer in Europe. They are still counting how many have been killed by this year's extreme weather.

Hopefully the Farmers' Almanac is right about the coming months. A bit better than 52 per cent right?

The next two weeks look fairly good for Haliburton County. Official forecasts show plenty of sunshine, daytime temperatures in the mid-20s Celsius, some showers and no morning lows below freezing.

September is almost always pleasant with a gradual and soft change of season. Ditto October, which is basically a dry month with an average of only

Then comes November when we can start waxing the skis and sharpening he skate blades. Depending on whose forecast you believe.

Ruchir Sharma, the international investment guru and author, reminds us about how forecasting works these days:

"The old rule of forecasting was to make as many forecasts as possible and publicise the ones you got right. The new rule is to forecast so far in the future, no one will know you got it wrong."

No matter whose weather forecast you follow, or whose you believe, one person has the final say on the weather, and that's Mother Nature.

She loves to remind us that she has the last word – especially when she is angry. And, she certainly has not been in a good mood recently in much of the world.

letters to the editor

Landmark or eyesore? selling the property and taking the Rockcliffe

I have been around long enough to have seen the best and the worst of the Rockcliffe. I remember when one had to line up outside to pay a cover to get in to see a band on a long weekend. I personally had a lot of great times there. Some so great that I really don't want to talk about them in public. Yet I survived the Rockcliffe.

The past few years of closure of The Rockcliffe have not been so good for the building. It cannot

I had hopes of reliving those good times when a group of young entrepreneurs with a vision bought the building and were willing to invest large money into a new building that surely would enhance the look of our struggling down-

After almost three years of unsuccessful discussions with council, they gave up and are rebrand with them.

I am not aware of the issues our council had with the development, but I'm sure there were many and like some of the good times I had at the Rockcliffe, I suspect there were some issues Council doesn't want to talk about either.

Minden has a history of loosing tourist attractions such as The Ride for Sight, Sled-dog Races, concerts and festivals just to name a few. And now The World Famous Rockcliffe. I am sure the once famous landmark will someday become a pile of rubble (an eyesore).

All the best of luck to The Rockcliffe, Moore Falls. You deserve it.

> Jack Sward. Minden

Rockcliffe legacy

To the Editor,

This past week saw a change in Minden's future. Or to be more accurate, it saw a lack of change. A proposal had been put in front of the council of Minden Hills to purchase a piece of municipal property in order to facilitate a new build in the village of Minden. This build would have become the new Rockcliffe hotel, arguably Minden's most notable commercial legacy after the logging industry. When council opted to sell the property to another bidder, they no doubt saw the cash on the table and took it rather than wait for the unknown future value to be accrued. Makes sense in a world where roads are crumbling and the landfill system hoovers up a third of the annual budget.

But in doing so they failed the classic Marshmallow Test, in which young children are asked to sit alone in a room for several minutes with a marshmallow in front of them. They're told that if they can wait for the attendant to return they will receive an additional marshmallow, but if they eat or lick the one on the table they will forfeit the extra one. Council was given a marshmallow and they ate it. The bag of marshmallows that would have followed had they seen the benefits of taking the longer-term opportunity would have eclipsed any dollar amount from a one-time sale. Development fees alone would have made up much of the difference early on, even before getting into all of the jobs and spinoff growth. Simply put, this was a chance to allow someone else's money to flow directly into permanent infrastructure, simultaneously enhancing our built environment, adding jobs, raising Minden's profile, and helping other businesses survive.

Sadly we may never see the Rockcliffe reborn in Minden. The existing structure is in a deplorable state and likely will never be repaired due to excessive costs. If it is ever to be anything other than an eyesore it will need to be entirely rebuilt; an undertaking that will require a sizable investment. For an investor who has the kind of capital required to succeed in this venture there has to be something to gain, and the current footprint is unlikely to be able to generate enough revenue to make it worthwhile. For now we'll just have to wait to see what else local businesses can come up with to keep the town going; let's hope council can get behind some of the good ideas before there aren't any left.

Ben Scott,

HCPL's Book of the Week



Born in Ireland in 1868 to an aristocratic English family, Aleen knows she is destined to work with animals, even if her family is appalled by the idea of a woman pursuing a veterinary career. Going against their wishes but with the encouragement of the guardian assigned to her upon her father's death, Aleen attends the New Veterinary College in Edinburgh, enrolling as A. I. Custance to spare her family the humiliation they fear. At last, she is on her way to becoming a veterinary surgeon! Little does she know her biggest obstacles still lie ahead.

Based on the real life of Aleen Isabel Cust, The Invincible Miss Cust by Penny Haw is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

The carpal tunnel

O YOU FEEL like you are constantly dropping things or clumsy in one hand? Do you sometimes get numbness, tingling or shock like sensations

and temperature sensations from these areas back up to the brain. Without the median nerve, most of our hand and fore-

in your hand? You may be suffering from carpal tunnel syndrome.

The median nerve forms out of a large nerve plexus in the neck known as the brachial plexus. It travels down the arm and forearm until it reaches the hand and ends at the tips of the fingers. The median nerve has a big job providing movement functions to the forearm, wrist and hand. It also sends touch, pain



DR. KASSIE WRIGHT Wellness Corner with Kassie arm would be rendered useless!

Along its route it must pass through a tunnel in the wrist called the carpal tunnel. In fact it is the only nerve to pass through this tunnel and as such, is affected by any dysfunction in this area. The carpal tunnel is a narrow passageway in the wrist, surrounded by ligaments and carpal bones. The function of the tunnel is to protect the tendons that bend your fingers.

Carpal tunnel syndrome is caused when the median nerve is squeezed or compressed as it travels through this tunnel. The symptoms typically begin as an on again off again sensation of numbness, tingling or burning in the wrist, hand or forearm. The feeling of clumsiness and/or weakness in certain fingers is correlated to the actual pathway of the nerve.

Gradually over time symptoms can begin to worsen and become more consistent. It can radiate up the forearm and even wake you up at night. The causes of this can be various, from the tunnel narrowing to the tendons passing through it swelling. Some people may have a naturally

smaller carpal tunnel which may run in the family. Jobs with repetitive hand use or prolonged positions, pregnancy and health conditions such as diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis may increase the risk of developing carpal tunnel.

A nerve conduction study is a test that can measure if the nerve is conducting signals properly. It can help determine the problem and guide treatment. X-rays, Diagnostic Ultrasound and MRI scans can also pinpoint abnormal tissue. There are many options for nonsurgical treatment, including:

- Bracing or splinting
- NSAIDS
- Lifestyle/work changes
- Rehab/Specific exercises
- Steroid injections

If you suspect you may have carpal tunnel syndrome follow up with your health care provider.



The Great Lake Swimmers kicked off the Friday evening of Abbey Garden's annual Music at the Gardens. /CHRISTINE CARR staff



Juno Award winning Inuk singer-songwriter Susan Aglukark closed out "Music at the Gardens" on Sunday evening, wrapping up the third annual musical event at Abbey Gardens in Haliburton County. /ADAM FRISK Special to the







Above, Linus Gervais runs to the head of the pack at the start of the Atom Boys 800m. /

Left, Haliburton athletes show off their awards at the Minor Track Association Championships. /Submitted

Track stars bring home hardware from Brampton meet

In its inaugural year, the Haliburton Track and Field Club competed at the Minor Track Association Championship held in Brampton on July 29 and 30. The meet included 759 athletes from across Ontario. Ten local athletes attended the competition.

Despite the buckets of rain Saturday, Haliburton athletes put their best foot forward and finished with some strong performances.

Top eight finishes included: Evan Backus, second in 200m hurdles, fourth in long jump and fifth in the 800m; Graham Backus - third in triple jump; fourth in 200m hurdles and eigth in the 400m; Lilly Casey - eighth in the 200m hurdles; Annika Gervais - seventh in the 400m; Linus Gervais - eighth in the 800m and fourth in 200m hurdles; Addyson Parish fourth in triple jump; Madelyn Walker - third in triple jump and fifth in long jump; Patrick Valentini - third in discus, sixth in shot put and fifth in triple jump. The Intermediate Girls 4 x 100m relay team of Walker, Parish, Casey and Isabella Valentini also finished in

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DRAG STORYTIME - HALIBURTON

Time: 3:00 pm Location: Haliburton Library

QUEER TRIVIA NIGHT Time: 7:00 Location: The Dominion Hotel

OUTDOOR MOVIE SHOW

Time: 9:00

Location: Minden Hill Cultural Centre

FRIDAY AUGUST 25TH

COMEDY NIGHT

Time: 7:00 Location: Sir Sam's Ski and Bike

SATURDAY AUGUST 26TH

DIVAS DANCE PARTY

Doors Open 7:00pm

Location: Haliburton Legion

SUNDAY AUGUST 27TH

RAINBOW STREET FEST

Time: 11:00 – 3:00pm Location: Water Street, Minden

PRIDE RIVER PARADE

Time: 12:00 - 1:30 launch

Location: Gull River, Rotary Park

Notable runs from Izzy Valentini placing 10th in the 400m and Annika Gervais who was 10th in the 1500m and ran a gutsy finishing leg on the Intermediate Girls Sprint Medley Team. Addyson Parish stepped up to run the 400m leg on this team with Walker and Casey, running the 200m sections. The girls team finished fifth in a very close race against strong club teams.

Paige Hough was unfortunately unable to compete in her events as the rain prevented the high jump and javelin from being able to be held safely on Saturday.

The team is looking forward to continuing their summer track program next year and participating in more competitions with the Minor Track Association.

A big thank you to Al Hough and Walter Tose for their support in preparing athletes for the competition.

Submitted Karen Gervais



MONDAY AUGUST 21ST

FLAG RAISING / OPENING CEREMONY

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Minden Municipal Office parking lot

PRIDE ECSTATIC DANCE

Time: 5:00

Location: Dimensions Retreat, 1218 Canopy Lane, Algonquin Highlands

TUESDAY AUGUST 22ND

DRAG STORYTIME - MINDEN

Time: 3:00 pm Location: Minden Library

MEET AND GREET RECEPTION

Time: 5:00 pm Location: Bonnie View Inn, 2713 Kashawagamog Lake Road

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23TH

YOUTH PRIDE BREAKFAST

Time: 9:00 -12:00pm Location: Haliburton Youth Wellness Hub, 12 Dysart Ave., Haliburton

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Renata Chubb, a registered expressive arts therapist, showcases her work during the Floating Markets at Halls Lake Elvin Johnson Park on Aug. 12. The park was one of three locations where vendors braved the weather and displayed their work for visitors. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff







Grethe Jensen stands by her work on Aug. 12 at Oakview

Radiothon supports HHHS transportation needs

The 17th Annual Highlands Health Radiothon will return on Aug. 17 and 18 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., on 93.5 MooseFM. The Highlands Health Radiothon is fundraising in support of HHHS Community Support Service transportation needs helping to ensure residents can get to and from life-saving medical appointment.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) Community Support Services helps seniors and adults living with disabilities travel to and from medically-required appointments and social services. The need for transportation within the county is ever increasing and the current fleet of vehicles is not meeting the demand. The support and access these vehicles provide are vitally important for the health and wellbeing of our most vulnerable population. Community Support Services (CSS) primary goal is to support their clients in maintaining and/or improving their independence as long as they wish to remain home. The CSS transportation team is often the first point of contact for those in need of services. We are raising funds to increase the fleet of reliable vehicles to meet the increased need and to ensure people can attend vital medical and social services appointments. Amanda Rowden, Client Service Manager and Community Liaison for Community Support Services, Adult Day Program, Assisted Living and Supportive Housing said "We have seen a 30 per cent increase in individual appointments since last year, and we are having to tell people we are unable to provide transportation in their time of need. Transportation is a major barrier for many folks in the county to receive vital health care services including cancer care, dialysis, day surgeries and mental health supports. The community needs more than what we have on the road right now."



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Executive Director, Melanie Klodt Wong shares, "This is a strong community that supports each other and HHHS Community Support Services does an amazing job of helping people stay in their homes as long as possible, providing vital services for vulnerable seniors and adults. These services are bolstered by the unwavering volunteer drivers and staff who help people get to appointments – but it is not enough. We are hoping to bring together this tightknit community and visitors alike to support local health care needs in Haliburton County.

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation staff and volunteers are excited to partner with 93.5 MooseFM to bring awareness to one of the many areas of local health care that needs our financial support. Together, let's use this twoday event to celebrate access to transportation with those who live, play and listen in Haliburton County.

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Join us onsite at 152 Highland Street and tune in to 93.5 MooseFM for a fun-filled 2-day marathon of supporting folks who love to live in Haliburton County. Together, we can make a difference in our community's health services.

Submitted by the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation

Hike Haliburton is off on the right foot

by EMILY STONEHOUSE

Editor

Hike Haliburton 2023 has officially hit the ground running.

With registration opening on August 10 for the four day hiking festival in September, there are over 30 hikes offered, with the majority of them nearly full.

"The Federal Tourism Growth Strategy identifies that adventure tourism is on the rise and in demand," said Tracie Bertrand, the manager of tourism for Haliburton County. "It also commits to focusing efforts on rural Canada.'

Bertrand noted that in early spring of this year, Hike Haliburton was named as one of the top 100 festivals in the province by Festival and Events Ontario.

The Hike Haliburton Festival isn't just a smattering of standard hikes; each hike is led by a knowledgeable guide, who will showcase a property not often available to the public eye. "When you combine outdoor adventure with compelling storytelling, you create a formula for success," said Bertrand.

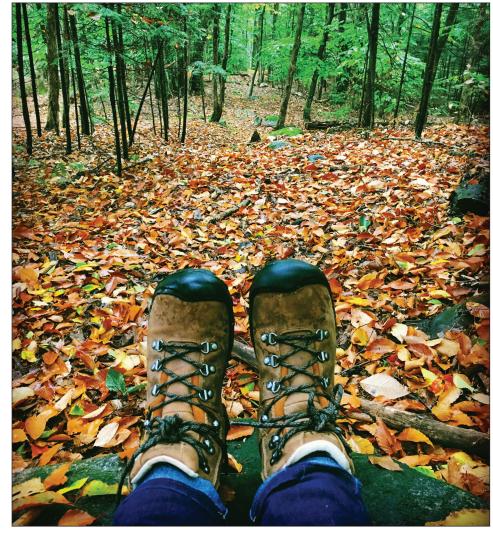
While the festival may seemingly be smaller from its pre-covid days of boasting over 100 hikes around the region, the county has taken the lead on offering additional experiences to compliment the hiking-heavy weekend.

Some of these experiences include a Hawk Walk, guided mushroom foraging, and scenic chairlift rides.

The county also encourages visitors to explore the other goings-on of the community that are coinciding with the weekend, such as live music and Bookapalooza.

"So much gratitude goes out to the dedicated and passionate volunteers who develop, lead, and guide the exciting hikes in Haliburton Highlands during the festival," said Bertrand.

Hike Haliburton takes place September 21 to 24. For more information or to register for hikes, visit www.hikehaliburton.ca



Hike Haliburton 2023 registration launched on Aug. 10, with many hikes already filling up for the upcoming festival. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff



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Geology of Barnum Creek Nature Reserve

When: Saturday, Aug. 19 10 a.m. to noon Where: Barnum Creek Nature Reserve, 1118 Gould Crossing Road

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Annual Decoration Day Service When: Aug. 20, 3 p.m.

Where: Gelert Cemetery, 1052 Cemetery Rd Our annual Decoration Day Service at the Gelert

Cemetery. Please bring lawn chairs.

Outpost Scrabble and Coffee

When: Aug. 23, 10:30 a.m. Where: Red Cross Outpost, 2314 Loop Road,

Join us for Outpost Scrabble & Coffee at the Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum, 2314 Loop Road, Wilberforce. Wednesday July 19th and August 23rd starting at 10:30 am.

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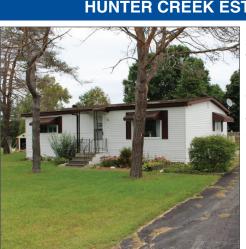


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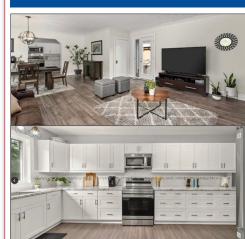


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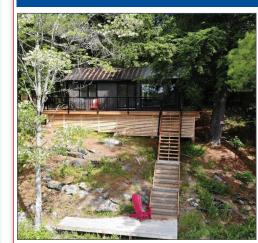


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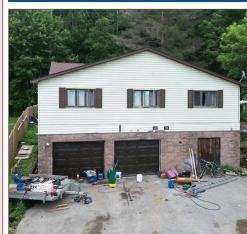
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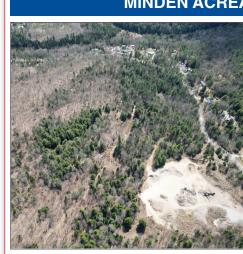


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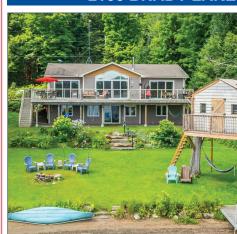


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County pilot project uses 'citizen scientists' to test lake health

by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County has rallied a research group that employs a unique grassroots-like approach to monitor lake water quality.

The county has gotten the U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research to embark on the Haliburton-wide Water Quality Monitoring pilot project.

And county council heard July 26 that the effort's use of "citizen scientists" has been effective on a number of fronts. So much so that a two-year extension of the pilot project was suggested.

Andy Gordon, the group's director, said many organizations and levels of governments have been keeping an eye on water quality and its management. Water quality protection has been done by way of septic system inspections, shoreline health, water testing and education programs.

He said lake associations have identified a need for standardized protocol that would be suitable for them to gather information about water quality to be forwarded to their members. The U-Links Centre's "Testing the Water" pilot program aims to accomplish just that, he said.

The program establishes a standardized water quality monitoring program that can be scaled across the entire region and can be used to look for trends across county watersheds.

"We can actually use the results to look at the possible negative impacts of over usage or usage on lakes or things that might result from, for example, climate change," Gordon said.

Samples are taken three times a year: June, July, and from below ice in winter. He said that winter testing is unique to the Haliburton program.

"There's been very little information ever done in term of winter sampling on lakes in Ontario," he said.

In Haliburton County, 10 lake associations participated in the pilot program this year. That entails 25 lakes with 35 water quality sampling sites.

Of more than 1,000 water quality measurements that were collected, 600 samples were sent to private labs for assessments.

Gordon said there are consulting companies that can do the work of the pilot project. But, he said, it would cost the county considerably more than the \$35,000 that funds the current program.

The collaborative approach enables the program to be done cheaper. Quite simply, it was done with the cooperation of "citizen scientists" who volunteered their time, gasoline and boats, enthusiasm, and time to collect water samples.

"Through their (volunteers) participation, you have an incredibly informed population growing out there that is concerned about water quality issues," Gordon said.

"And the second thing is that, because we involved youth in our programs, we're able to merge or encourage the group of younger people to interact with more elderly people."

He said there was an information exchange in both directions.

"Given where society is today, it certainly is a positive thing," he said. "The youth can certainly learn from the elders and vice versa. Not all the information exchanged was related to water quality.'

Jim Price, a volunteer with a U-Links, said the project delivered eight lake association reports with one reference lake report. A full comprehensive report of each of the lakes at the end of the first year. And a comprehensive Year 1 summary report.

Price said all the information has been made public.

Much was learned about the logistics of the program, too.

"We did have a few setbacks," he said.

Nine of 10 lake associations were able to complete sampling with basic training. One association struggled with sample because of such things as boat access, volunteer recruitment, or data submission. That association had five lakes unconnected. That meant five boats with five teams.

"So we had to step up and help them out a little bit," Price said.

The coordination of lab sample collection and shipping required more effort than

And the effort to write reports was greater than anticipated, but exemplars have been developed for writing future reports.

The pilot stage is due to wrap up this year after the winter testing is done, and Price said it's been suggested that a two-year extension be considered.

"We want to maintain the citizen science approach with the lake associations," he

However, U-Links would like to increase lake association participation to 25 from the initial 10. That would yield more sampling

The estimated cost for 2024/25 would be \$175,000. The current cost for the 2022/2023 project is about \$120,000.

The county's proposed contribution would be \$55,000 for 2024 and \$45,000 for the following year. U-Links will kick in \$20,000 from fundraising.

"Should council decide to proceed with the next phase, this will bring Haliburton County to a level parallel to Kawartha to the south, Muskoka to the west in terms of our technical delivery capability for probably a lot cheaper than if you had hired consultants or another way to do this," Price said.

"You're really getting a leg up to move toward what our other close areas in Ontario are delivering."

Warden Liz Danielsen, the mayor of Algonquin Highlands, said the county has committed to looking at water quality and its economic impacts. The pilot program takes them a long way toward that, she said.

She asked why council received only one of the promised reports.

Gordon said county staff received all the reports whereas council got the one summary sample report to save them from having to wade through all 10 reports.



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- ANDY GORDON, U-LINKS DIRECTOR



Councillor Jennifer Dailloux, Algonquin Highlands' deputy mayor, said the decision whether or not to continue the project is a no-brainer.

"Data is king and you are presenting us with data that we can then use to make better policy decision for what we can do onshore," she said. "What we have the least jurisdiction over is the water itself.

Councillor Bob Carter, the mayor of Minden Hills, said the program should be extended. He suggested council agree to the extra two years and then earmark the coin when it comes time to do the budget.

Danielsen agreed. If council can obtain a truck and budget for it the following year, the same can be done with the lake health program extension.

Council decided to support the program extension in principal and include it in next year's draft budget for consideration.

"I think gentlemen what you heard generally is that we really do support the work that you're doing and we'd like to see it move forward, but we do have to be very cautious about our budgets," Danielsen said.





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challenges, the significance of individuals taking action cannot be overstated. Recycling is a powerful tool when it comes to addressing the global waste crisis. By taking simple

yet impactful steps toward recycling, you and I can play a crucial role in protecting the future of our planet.

Recycling is the process of converting waste materials into new materials for use thereby conserving natural resources and reducing pollution. By recycling materials such as paper, plastic, glass, scrap metal, tires and textile, the demand for raw materials

decreases. The collective impact of recycling can be immense, as it helps conserve energy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and relieve the burden on landfills. However, it is important to recognize that the journey toward a sustainable future begins with each individual's commitment to recycling.

One of the most significant aspects of individual action in recycling is the diversion of waste from landfills. By sorting acceptable recyclable materials from your household waste and placing them in designated recycling bins, you ensure these materials are diverted to recycling facilities instead of being sent to landfills. This simple act can save valuable landfill space and prevent harmful substances from leaching into the environment.

Individual action in recycling also fosters a culture of sustainability and raises awareness among communities. When you ac-

In a world grappling with environmental tively participate in recycling programs, do you know that you serve as role models for others, inspiring friends, family, co-workers, and neighbours to follow suit? By engaging in discussions about the importance of recy-

cling and sharing knowledge about proper recycling practices, individuals can create a ripple effect that extends far beyond their immediate surroundings.

However, the responsibility does not lie solely with the municipal or provincial government. Every person can make a difference through their daily actions. From consciously choosing products

with minimal packaging and ensuring to only recycle acceptable items. You can check if an item is acceptable by visiting www.dysartetal.ca/wastewizard or by downloading the free mobile app, Haliburton County Waste Wizard.

The role of individual action in recycling cannot be underestimated. Through small yet significant steps, such as properly sorting waste, and spreading awareness, individuals can contribute to the collective effort of protecting our planet. By embracing recycling as a way of life, we can ensure a cleaner and greener future for generations to come.

Omotayo Leah Olakanmi is a student at Fleming College's Waste Resource Management- Environmental program, doing an internship placement as a Recycling Promoter at the Municipality of Dysart et al.





Tea time

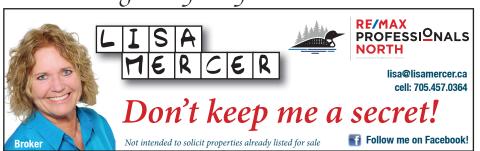
On Aug. 13, the Parish of Minden, Kinmount, and Maple Lake Anglican held their annual garden tea party. Despite the threat of rain there were approximately 100 parishioners and guests. Pictured, Minden Hills Mayor Bob Carter, Rev. Canon Robert Saffrey from Toronto Diocese, Rev. Canon Joan Cavanaugh, Parish of Minden, Kinmount, Maple Lake, and Harold Saffrey, the organist for St. Paul's and St. James. /Photo submitted

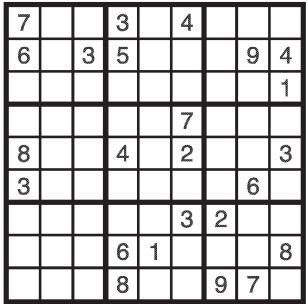


Talent at HSA+D

Guitarist Jason Fowler performs during the Faculty Art Auction reception at Haliburton School of Art + Design on Thursday, Aug. 10. Attendees were able to bid on art created by HSA+D faculty, taste food and drink from the Haliburton Post House and Boshkung Brewery, and take part in their 50/50 draw. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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Answers on page 17







The HSA+D **Faculty Art** Auction displayed art created by talented faculty for attendees to bid on.



Smiles for LoveFest

Willow Ritchie and Trevor Halvorsen dry off after the rain at LoveFest on Aug. 12. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County Food **Sharing Program**

The City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County Roundtable for Ending Poverty along with Hiawatha First Nation are proud to present an exciting new community project:

Here in the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County we have thousands of edible fruit trees whose fruit is currently going to waste and we want to change this. Additionally there are vegetable gardeners who find that they have extra food at the end of the season which is not being utilised.

A population-based survey from the Haliburton, Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit Estimated that household food insecurity in the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton in 2019 was 14.4%. The provincial food insecurity average sits at 13.3%. The level of food insecurity in this region is one of the highest in the province.

Do you live in the City of Kawartha lakes and Haliburton County and have fruit trees on your property? Are you a gardener that has extra produce at harvest time? Would you like to volunteer to pick fruit or produce to use and share with local food banks?

Our new community program offers you an opportunity to register your produce or to register as a volunteer. Simply go to our Website at www.cklpoverty.ca and visit our Community Harvest Program page. Your information will only be available to local food banks and partners who would contact you to arrange to come and harvest your donations or to volunteer to collect the harvest. Produce will be split 3 ways:

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Committee of Adjustment - Notice of Public Hearing **Application For Minor Variance**

Take Notice that the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

Monday, August 28, 2023

9:30 AM

TIME: LOCATION: This will be a hybrid meeting. Members of the public may attend either in person or electronically via Zoom. Details are provided below.

To Attend in Person:

Location: Members of the Public wishing to watch the meeting in person can do so by attending the Township Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne St, Minden.

To Participate: Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the public meeting must pre-register by emailing dsisson@mindenhills.ca by Friday August 25th, 2023 before 4:00 PM or by registering the morning of the meeting before 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers.

To Attend Electronically:

To Watch: Members of the Public wishing to watch the meeting can do so by joining the Meeting Live Stream Link: https://youtube.com/live/eRLc7-Bw334?feature=share

To Participate: Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the public meeting must pre-register by emailing dsisson@mindenhills.ca by Friday August 25th 2023 before 4:00 PM or by attending electronically and registering the morning of the meeting before 9:00 AM.

To attend the Zoom virtual meeting via Web, type https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89967529683?pwd=VG5CUko0NW9lcDNXNTFGNHhMN2NIUT09 into your

browser or attend by dialing the number below: Telephone: 1-647-374-4685 or 1-647-558-0588

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Participants registering either virtually or in person after 9:00 AM will not be permitted into the public hearing.

The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to consider Minor Variance Applications PLMV2023026, PLMV2023029 and PLMV2023030 which are being rescheduled as a result of the July 31st, 2023 meeting being canceled due to technical difficulties, as well as Minor Variance Applications PLMV2023034 and PLMV2023035 and the proposed minor variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act as shown below:

PLMV2023026 - Part Lot 10, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1198 Pleasant Point Road and located on Twelve Mile Lake (See Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the construction of a one-storey, 16.4 square metre addition to an existing one-storey, 53.6 square metre dwelling on an existing undersized lot. The effect of the application would be to permit an increase in the ground floor area of the existing dwelling by 30.7% whereas an increase in 25% is otherwise

PLMV2023029 - Part Lot 25, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1024 Pilgrim Lane and located on Kashagawigamog Lake (See Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the replacement of an existing 192 square foot attached deck with a new 448 square foot attached deck located 7 metres from the shoreline. The effect of the application would be to permit an increase in size for the deck of 133.3%, being a structure located within 15 metres of the high-water mark, where no size increase is otherwise permitted.

PLMV2023030 - Part Lot 10, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Anson; municipally known as 1299 Claude Brown Road and located on Bob Lake (See Key Map)

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the construction of an additional detached garage on an undersized lot. The application would provide relief from Section 4.1.8 to permit an increase of the maximum lot coverage of all detached accessory buildings and structures from 5% to 6.1% of the lot area.

PLMV2023034 - Part Lot 20, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 2262 Deep Bay Road (See Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the conversion and expansion of an existing 6.34 square metre attached deck to a 28.56 square metre screened porch that is currently located 5.18 metres from a stream. The effect of the application would be to permit the new screened porch to be located 6.3 metres from the high-water mark of a watercourse, whereas otherwise a 15 metre setback is required.

PLMV2023035 - Part Lot 3, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1020 Petite Lane on Mountain Lake (See Key Map)

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the expansion of a legal non-complying dwelling on an undersized lot, in the form of two additions being 10 square metres and 58.5 square metres in size, respectively. The application would provide relief from Section 4.8.4 iii) to permit an increase in the ground floor area of an existing non-complying dwelling being 87.7%, whereas an increase in ground floor area of 25% is otherwise permitted.

Additional Information regarding these applications will be available online. Links to meeting agendas and full reports can be found on our Minden Hills Civic Web. A copy of the complete applications will be available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only.

Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail

Any person or agency who is of the opinion that holding the hearing as a hybrid/combined in-person and electronic hearing is likely to cause them significant prejudice, may make a submission to the undersigned, and if the Committee is satisfied that holding the hearing as hybrid is likely to cause the party significant prejudice then the hearing will be re-scheduled as an oral hearing only. If a person or agency does not make a submission to the Secretary-Treasurer prior to the hearing, and the person or agency does not participate in the hearing in accordance with this Notice, then the Committee may proceed without the party's participation and the party will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.

Accessibility: The Township of Minden Hills is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. If you have accessibility needs and require alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact the undersigned.

Privacy Disclosure: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record and may be disclosed/made available by the Township as deemed appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Township with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

For more information about this matter contact at adougherty@mindenhills.ca or 705-286-1260 ext. 506

Amanda Dougherty Township Planning Consultant Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden ON, K0M 2K0











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The Corporation of the County of Haliburton Requires a

Human Resources Manager

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We thank all who apply for this position; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Minden Times

400 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills Requires a

Chief Administrative Officer

The Township of Minden Hills is located in Haliburton County and includes the Town of Minden, and surrounding communities of Ingoldsby, Lochlin, Gelert, Moore's Falls and Irondale. The area population is approximately 7,000 permanent residents which increases significantly during the summer months with the arrival of seasonal residents and visitors. Considered the gateway to the Haliburton Highlands, Minden Hills is a vibrant community, experiencing recent growth that is rich in tradition and strives to ignite the passions of community, recreation, art, music, and the outdoors.

The Township of Minden Hills is recruiting for a new Full-Time Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). Reporting directly to the Mayor and Council, the CAO provides vision, strategic and inclusive leadership to the entire organization during these times of growth and change. This is an executive position in Central Ontario, located within Haliburton County. It is an opportunity for a career minded leader to make a significant contribution and positive influence on this community.

The CAO will be responsible for the efficient and effective administration and leadership of all departments and resources of the Township. They will be an advisor and liaison to Council as well as an ambassador within the municipal community. The CAO will perform all duties pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Act, the Procedural Bylaw and Delegation of Authority By-law, and in accordance with all other applicable standards, regulations, and legislation. They will have solid background in municipal administration, adapt new technology, possess strong business and political acumen and have a passion for the community.

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For complete job description details and responsibilities of the position, please visit our website at: www.mindenhills.ca/careers

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The family of the late Robert "TIM" Casey would like to express their sincere thank you's to the staff at the Minden Emergency Department and at the Haliburton Hospital who took great care of Tim for the short while he was there. To his oncologist DR. SHIM and all the cancer care staff at PRHC, we thank you! To the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, thank you for all your help with the arrangements and the service, it was exactly what Tim would have wanted. We would also like to thank the Masonic Lodge for their service and the presentation of the jewel as well.

To our friends and family who reached out, sent food, cards, flowers, your generous donations made, and your thoughtfulness did not go unnoticed, and was greatly appreciated by the family. Tim was taken from us far too soon as he still had a lot of life to live. He has taught us to hold onto life and to live every day to its fullest, because you never know when your day is coming. Tim was always an "it is what it is" kind of guy and never got too excited about anything, and he lived up to that every day.

Remember life's a dance, you learn as you go!

Again, thank you from Lornell and family!

645 CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Celebration of Life

Paul-Roger Morin

A "Celebration of Life" for Paul-Roger Morin will be held at Wintergreen Maple on Saturday, August 26th, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tributes at 2 p.m. Family and friends are welcome. Please bring a lawn chair.



Donations in Paul's honour to HHHS. You can call 705-286-3202 for more information.

(Wintergreen will be closed for retail and food service. Open again on Sunday, August 27th)

650 OBITUARIES





Jeff Coyell

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Kingston Health Sciences in Kingston, Ontario on Friday May 12, 2023 in his 60th year. Beloved husband and best friend to Kelly Adair. Missed terribly by his best friend Jack. Dear brother of Debbie (Dave), Ron (Emily)

and Denise (James). Also lovingly remembered by nephews Matthew and Daniel. Predeceased by his brother Eric and his sister Eileen. Jeff started his career with the United Church of Canada. Later in life, Jeff and Kelly moved to Haliburton to begin a new life. They owned and operated Haliburton Supplements & Bulk Food for many years. Jeff will be remembered by his clients for his listening ear, helpful nature, and most of all his smile.

Celebration Of Life

Friends are invited to join the family at the ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH #129 Haliburton 719 Mountain St. Haliburton, Ontario on Saturday August 26, 2023 from 11 - 1 p.m. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 Haliburton would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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In Loving Memory of

Gala Helen Newell (nee Snell)

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at the age of 76 with her loving family by her side.

Predeceased by her husband, Gene Newell, of 55 years. Proud mother of Colin, Greg (Jenna), and Kelly (Chris Allaire). Loving and cherished

Gramma of Madison, Brock, Ava, Owen, Payton, and Carter. Predeceased by her parents Mark and Lillian (Walker) Snell. Dear sister of Chris Reid (Butch Harrison) and Jack Snell (Cathy), sister-in-law to Yvonne Newell. Lovingly remembered by her special friend James Bastedo and also Nancy Newell, her nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Gala was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She cherished spending time with them all and attending their sporting events to cheer them on. She enjoyed spending time with friends to play cards or shuffleboard as well as going for walks in the summer and snowshoeing in the winter. Gala spent many years working at the CIBC Bank in Minden before moving on to the Home Hardware Store and last the Township of Lutterworth, as the Deputy Clerk Treasurer. At the age of 53, Gala decided to retire so she could spend more time with her grandchildren and enjoy retirement with Gene.

Friends are invited to join the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 for a Memorial Service to celebrate the lives of Gala and

Gene on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 11:00 am, with a reception to follow at the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the Funeral Home. Interment at the Gelert Cemetery.



Memorial Donations to the Minden Food Bank would be appreciated by the family.

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Wade MacInnes

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

It is with profound sadness that the family of Wade MacInnes shares the news of his passing. Wade passed away peacefully at Haliburton Hospital in the evening of Tuesday, August 8th holding the hand of the love of his life, best friend and greatest support, his wife Julie MacInnes (nee Stamp). Wade was the most loving and supportive Father to Shawn MacInnes

(Miranda), Jade (Luke), and Donovan MacInnes (Mia). Dear brother of Jennifer (Ed), Darren (Rose), Jeanette (Drew) and Dwayne (Jacquie). Predeceased by his parents Angus & Myrna MacInnes and his brother Michael.

Nothing filled Wade with more pride than wholeheartedly embracing his role as Grandpa to his four beautiful grandsons, Leon and Cade, Jack and Connor. He also had a special place in his heart and found great comfort in the company of Indy. For the entirety of Wade's battle with lung cancer, he continued living with a positive outlook, expressing gratitude for the time he had to spend with his family and focusing on strengthening his already strong faith. Since his diagnosis this past February, he has been surrounded by his loving family every step of the

Wade spent his life working hard and raising his family in Haliburton. A Community in which he loved, believed in and dedicated so much of himself to over the years through his volunteer efforts with Haliburton Minor Hockey in hopes of helping Haliburton to continue to be a great place to live for children, youth and families. Wade will be remembered by family and close friends as incredibly hard-working, kind, compassionate, an entertaining storyteller and die-hard Toronto Maple Leafs fan. He will be so fondly remembered and so greatly missed by many.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Family and Friends were invited to visit Wade's family at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523, Hwy.#118 Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Saturday afternoon, August 12, 2023 from 1-4 p.m. A Funeral Service was held Sunday afternoon, August 13, 2023, at 1 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Pregnancy Care & Family Support Centre or Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the

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CLOWNING AROUND

There were plenty of clowns on Minden's Main Street Saturday as the community turned out to watch the annual Haliburton County Fall Fair parade. The chap on the right received a mixed reaction from the children on the curb as he introduced them to his pet. Meanwhile, his companion, left, had trouble keep his bicycle together. For more photos from Saturday's parade see page 16 and next week's edition of The Times.



South Water Street work set for Sept. 7

The reconstruction of South Water Street is scheduled to begin on September 7. Public Works Superintendent Clayton Cameron said he is comfortable with the recommendations of the consultants regarding tenders for materials needed for the project when he reported on the Anson, Hindon and Minden council meeting August 12.

Construction will begin at the

Highway 35 end of the street so the disruption in the downtown core will be as short a duration as possible.

The target date for completion of the project is mid-November.

Millennium sculpture

The council agreed to allow a committee of the Haliburton County Development Corporation to make appli-(more on page 11)

Meet the Ambassadors



Fair Ambassador

Competition: This year's Fair Ambassador competition may have been light in numbers but was big on pride for Haliburton County. Answering the question "Will I live in Haliburton County after I graduate", competitors responded with a resounding

Last year's junior ambassador Naomi Stephenson invited the contestants to participate in the junior fair board and help to make the next fair a huge success.

The contestants include, from the left, Fair Princess Kandice Withey, second place winner Scott Henwood, Senior Ambassador Teresa Kasepchuk, Junior Ambassador runner up Tasha Payne and Junior Ambassador Erica Fearrey.



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